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SUNDAY BULLETIN

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Thomas Sunday

Though the doors were shut at the dwelling, where the disciples were gathered for fear of the Jews on the evening of the Sunday after the Passover, our Savior wondrously entered and stood in their midst, His customary presence, He took honeycomb and ate assured them of His Thomas, who was others, did not concerning Christ's a decisive manner, hands the print of finger into the print my hand into His Wherefore after day, when the gathered together them, the Lord doors were shut, as in their midst, He you"; then He said thy finger, and bring hither thy



and greeted them with words, "Peace be unto showed unto them His side; furthermore, in their some fish and a before them, and thus bodily Resurrection. But not then present with the believe their testimony Resurrection, but said in "Except I shall see in His the nails, and put my of the nails, and thrust side, I will not believe." eight days, that is, on this disciples were again and Thomas was with Jesus came while the He did formerly. Standing said, "Peace be unto to Thomas, "Bring hither behold my hands; and hand, and thrust it into

My side: and be not unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas, beholding and examining carefully the hands and side of the Master, cried out with faith, "My Lord and my God." Thus he clearly proclaimed the two natures - human and divine - of the God-man (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29).

HYMNS FOR THE DAY

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Apolytikion for St. Thomas, Grave Mode

When the tomb was sealed, Thou, O Life, didst shine forth from the grave O Christ God; and whilst the doors were shut, Thou didst come unto Thy Disciples, O Resurrection of all, renewing through them an upright Spirit in us according to Thy great mercy.

Kontakion, Mode pl. 4

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. (5:12-20)

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

GOSPEL READING

Holy Gospel according to John (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him: "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said: "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Him: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

TODAY IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday of St. Thomas
Greek Dance Practice**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Friday, May 10

Bible Study 9:30am

Sunday, May 12

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

Orthros 9am

Divine Liturgy 10am

MOTHER'S DAY

Coffee Hour Host: *Craig and Mariya Kasch*

Next Week's Host: *Nadina Garbu*

Ushers and Greeters: *Darrin Bell, Cookie Kostopoulos,
Steve Paros, and Mark Simunovich*

Altar Boys: *Elias Arvanitakis, Bennet Bastian, Gabriel Fallon,
Zacharias Fletcher, Nicolai Kasch, Jonathan Morgan,
Jack Pugh, Fredy Rios*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL 2019

Our seventh Annual Vacation Church School will be from Monday July 8th through Thursday July 11th this year. This has become an excellent and successful event each Summer in our Parish. Much Thanks again to Presvytera Kathy and Molly Perkins for putting this together. Please contact them with any questions.

PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY 19

Our Spring General Assembly will be on Sunday May 19 following Divine Liturgy. If you have items to be considered as New Business, please contact President Tim Boolos or the Church Office by Friday, May 10.

TSOUREKI

Tsoureki bread will be available for Pascha. Requested donation \$8. Please see Cookie for details.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest “Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

The beginning of the service may be found on page 1 of the small red book entitled *The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*. Each Sunday the Epistle, Gospel, and certain hymns change to express what is being celebrated that day. This guide has them printed out for you so you may follow along more easily.

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your presence. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Thomas in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience. Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Please bring names of your loved ones, both living and deceased, so the priest may pray for them. We pray for all people. With Divine Liturgy, the names of the Orthodox are commemorated during the Proskomidi (the Preparation of the Gifts) and during Liturgy.

Remy Ahmar	Jim Hobson	Edward Scruggs & Family
Erica Ailes	Jake Hoskin	Jim Smith
Katia Antonis	Ben Howard	Steve Stephanopoulos
Ruth Briggs	Cleopatra Hughes & Family	Stanojka Stevanovic
The Boltz Family	Nancy Janos	David Stewart
Lark Tringas Bostick	Katheryn Kaffoglou	Janet Sutherland
Kathy Bowdoin & Family	Mary Spiridoula Kalista	Col. Philip Trexler
Mary Campbell	Philip Kanellopoulos	Sue and John Tullis
Litsa Carrion	Sheree Kanellopoulos	Lou Vagias, Sr.
Blake Chavez	Atticus LaRoe	Dana Visoiu
Vonni Cobb	Julie Mamani	Badra Walters
Angela Walters Comfort	Effie Maris	Departed Servant of God
Max Copeland	Angela McBroom	Betty Durrance
Ronnie Coradoza	Ariel McBroom	All service men and women
Jamie Douglas	Nicholas McBroom	who are deployed overseas
Fr. George Dursa	George Michas	
Dorothy Eshelman	Joey Newborn	
Zachary Fletcher	Janice Parton	
John & Lynne Griffith	Anastas Pazevic	
Chrissy Henderson	Wes Picard	
Angela Hlavity	Tina Puffer	

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STEWARDSHIP 2019

The following individuals/families have submitted a Pledge Card for 2019

Charles and Margaret Abbate	Andrew and Toni Nicopoulos
Darrin Bell	Joe and Despina O'Neil
Betty Jo Billups	Garry and Patti Overholt
Tim and Vicki Boolos	Nicholas and Tanya Papadopoulos
Jim Bosnake	Steve and Veta Paros
Harold and Anita Diamond	Anastas and Betsy Pazevic
Christa Diviney and Zachary Nations	Dale and Molly Perkins
Nadina Garbu and Jose Barragan	The Pugh Family
Vonni Cobb	Kathleen Reed
Trina Fallon	Don and Suzie Reese
Scott and Lynne Fehrenbach	Jeannette Rosa
Keith and Rebecca Fletcher	Joann Yanora Salazar
Zachary Fletcher	Neal and Natalie Simpson
Alan and Mary Gardner	Mark and Iris Simunovich
Terri Grammas	Angelos and Katrina Thomas
Nick and Linda Holoviak	Karl and Sandy Trammel
Susan Horner	Alex and Susan Tringas
Alexandra Jazayeri	Alexis Tringas
Spiridoula Kalista	John Walker
George and Julia Karov	Harold and Joyce Walter
Craig and Mariya Kasch	Mary Walters
Barbara "Cookie" Kostopoulos	Gary and Teresa Wilson
Katy and Carl Kruljac	Nick and Candace Vlahos
Paul and Candace Lamitina	
Andrew and Angela McBroom	
Louis and Maria McCloud	
Christian and Stephanie Meyers	
Dr. Elizabeth Michas	
Dr. and Mrs. George Michas	
Connie Morgan	
Matthew and Megan Morgan	
Margaret Morrison	
Nathanael and Sarah Mosley	

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)